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SUBJ: AFGHANISTAN OPIUM CULTIVATION: UNFDAC LETTER TO
PRESIDENT DAOUD

REF: A. STATE 111535, B. GENEVA 3483 (NOTAL)

1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DE BEUS SENT LETTER MAY 4 TO PRESIDENT
DAOUD RE OPIUM CULTIVATION IN AFGHANISTAN.
2. LETTER REFERS TO PREVIOUS LETTER DATED 1 MAY 1976
RAISING MATTER OF OPIUM CULTIVATION PARTICULARLY ALONG
HIGHWAY LINKING KABUL TO TORKHAM AND NOTES SUBSEQUENT
RECEIPT OF ASSURANCES FROM PRESIDENT DAOUD THAT CULTIVATION
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WOULD BE ERADICATED WHERE PHYSICALLY POSSIBLE. LETTER
THEN EXPRESSES REGRET THAT SEVERAL SOURCES REPORT OPIUM
AGAIN GROWING THIS YEAR AND IS CAUSING WIDESPREAD COMMENT.

3. LETTER CONTINUES, NOTING AFGHAN ADVANCES IN DRUG CONTROL
AND UNFDAC FURTHER COOPERATION WITH GOA BASED ON PRESIDENT'S
ASSURANCES. IT DESCRIBES PRESENT FUND SOLICITATION OF

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUPPLEMENT GOA NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORT
AND URGES THESE ACTIVITIES NOT BE JEOPARDIZED.

4. LETTER SUGGESTS THAT IF PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN OVER
FINANCIAL MEANS TO ENFORCE LEGAL BAN ON CULTIVATION, PRESIDENT
MIGHT WISH CONSIDER USE OF "CONSIDERABLE RECEIPTS FROM
SALE OF SEIZED OPIUM" TO INCREASE CAPACITY OF AFGHAN
ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, PARTICULARLY IN NANGAHAR "WHERE
THE POPPY IS APPARENTLY BEING GROWN ON IRRIGATED LAND
AND WHERE THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE NONE OF THE ECONOMIC
HARDSHIP WHICH MAY ENCOURAGE FARMERS IN OTHERS AREAS TO
BREAK THE LAW." TEXT OF LAST TWO PARAS OF LETTER FOLLOW,
OMMITTING COMPLEMENTARY CLOSE:

5. "FOR MY PART, I REMAIN SERIOUSLY CONCERNED AT THE
INTERNATIONAL IMAGE OF THE FUND AND THE ACTIVITIES IT FINANCES.
BECAUSE OF MY LONG KNOWLEDGE OF AND ASSOCIATION WITH AFGHANISTAN
AND BECAUSE OF THE AFFECTION I HAVE DEVELOPED FOR YOUR COUNTRY,
I AM EQUALLY SYMPATHETIC TO THE PUBLIC IMAGE OF AFGHANISTAN.
THIS IMAGE SEEMS NOW AT RISK, SO FAR AS DRUG CONTROL IS
CONCERNED. WE FULLY APPRECIATE THE DIFFICULTIES THAT MAY BE
FACED IN THE ERADICATION OF OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION, BUT THESE
MUST, SO FAR AS THE FUND IS CONCERNED, BE BALANCED AGAINST THE
REASONABLE EXPECTATIONS
OF THE 69 GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE TO-DATE DONORS TO THE FUND.
MANY OF THESE FACE INCREASING PROBLEMS FROM THE GROWING
AVAILABILITY OF ILLICIT OPIUM, MORPHINE, HEROIN AND CANNABIS."

6. "I VERY MUCH REGRET THE NEED TO ADDRESS YOU ONCE MORE
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ON THIS SUBJECT. I DO SO WITH EVERY SYMPATHY FOR THE PROBLEMS
FACED BY ANY GOVERNMENT IN THIS MATTER, BUT THIS FUND
OPERATES UNDER CERTAIN RESTRAINTS AND CLOSE INTERNATIONAL
ATTENTION. THEREFORE IT MUST BE RESPONSIVE NOT ONLY TO THE NEEDS
OF COUNTRIES WHICH REQUIRE SUPPORT TO FULFIL THEIR TREATY
OBLIGATIONS, BUT ALSO TO THE PROBLEMS WHICH OCCUR IN THOSE
COUNTRIES PROVIDING THE RESOURCES FROM WHICH SUCH SUPPORT CAN BE
MADE AVAILABLE."

7. COPIES OF LETTER POUCHED DEPARTMENT AND KABUL MAY 10.
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